

REMARKS

The amendments to the claims are being made to change certain claim dependencies and to place the claims in a format that better conforms with U.S. patent prosecution practice. Claims 6 and 26 have been canceled. Applicants believe the amended claims are supported by the claims as originally filed, and throughout the specification. In particular, claim 27 is supported by, e.g., Experiment 6 at page 15 of the specification. Claims 1-5, 7-25, and 27 are active.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

Dated: 2/10/06

Customer No. **58249**
875 15th Street, N.W., Ste. 800
Washington, D.C. 20005-2221
202-842-7800

Respectfully submitted,

Cooley Godward LLP



Thomas A. Blinka
Registration No. 44,451